

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the following remarks is requested. Claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 21-22, 27-28, and 32-33 have been amended. Claims 10 and 31 have been cancelled. Existing claims 1-9, 11-30, and 32-42 remain in the application.

ARGUMENT

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figs. 7A and 7B have not been properly labeled as Prior Art. They depict nothing but configurations of prior art Intel systems.

Figs. 7A and 7B are included to support system claims 22-33. They are not used to provide any background material. Although these two figures depict two typical computer systems, the subject matter disclosed in the present application may be implemented within such systems without specific hardware changes. Thus, Applicant believes that Figs. 7A and 7B should not be labeled as Prior Art because they are used to illustrate how the disclosed subject matter may be implemented in a system setting. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the object to Figs 7A and 7B be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-12 and 22-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112 , second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-12 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Independent claims 1 and 22 have been amended. Applicant believes that claims 1 and 22 as amended, meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Also the claims, as amended, are supported by the specification (see, e.g., paragraphs [0014-17] of the specification in the present application). Some of dependent claims (e.g., claims 6-7, 11-12, 27-28, and 32-33) have also been amended so that they are consistent with their corresponding independent claims. Claims 10 and 31 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 13-21 and 34-42 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant accepts the allowance of these claims. Claim 21 has been amended to correct an editorial error.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that that all active claims are presently in condition for allowance, and their passage to issuance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-1700. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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